SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

By Briggs

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Shen Yun Performing Arts organization.

WHEREAS, this body takes great pride in recognizing those highly acclaimed performers whose extraordinary talents, artistic mastery, and dedication to their cultural heritage distinguish them as a truly unique yet integral part of America's unrivaled multicultural society; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts, a nonprofit organization, is composed of such an exemplary group of talented performers, who share with their audience the pure excellence and grandeur of classical Chinese dance and music, inspired by the grace, wisdom, virtues, and divine beauty of 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts, based in New York, entertains over one million audience members annually with performances in twenty countries and one hundred cities; and

WHEREAS, they will present this year's show, which features a new lineup of dances, songs, and musical scores, in Knoxville at the Tennessee Theatre on January 30-31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, through their performance, the Shen Yun Performing Arts organization presents an authentic experience of traditional Chinese culture, paying homage to virtues and

human dignity in artistic expression distilled from the five millennia of Chinese civilization; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we specially recognize such an extraordinary organization of talented individuals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Shen Yun Performing Arts on its artistic excellence and preservation of Chinese cultural traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.